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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (R&P) submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed.

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All other references were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of this English language search report and its accompanying references, indicating the degree of relevance determined by the foreign patent office are submitted herewith. MPEP Section 609A(3), second paragraph.

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